

Lowell Tobacco Control Monthly Report

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Inspections

I've conducted 35 routine inspections so far this month. There were mostly signage violations. Five establishments were found in violation of the cigar packaging/pricing regulation. One establishment had a pack flavored of cigar for sale. All violations were corrected before leaving the premises.

Compliance Checks

No compliance checks conducted this month.

Tobacco Permit Suspension Hearing

Lowell Food Mart – 624 School Street – Second Offense. *Please see attached record of the tobacco sale.*

Update on American & Spanish Market – 279 Chelmsford St

This establishment has not applied for a tobacco sales permit under the new ownership. I've attempted to re-inspect the premises a couple of times since the permit suspension hearing held last month but found the store closed on both occasions.

Pricing Surveys

I've conducted pricing surveys at 13 establishments this month.

Vape Pen Explosion

Another vape pen explodes, this time in a school bus in Massachusetts. This is just another reminder of how dangerous these devices can be. *Please see attached article.*

Tobacco Grant Request for a Response (RFR)

I'm still working on the proposal, which is due on December 7th.



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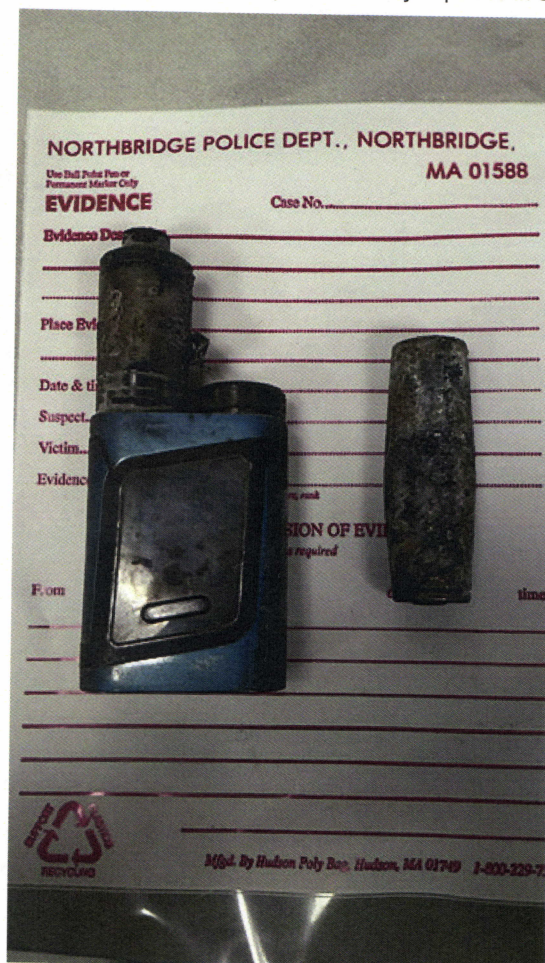
NORTHBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A school bus had quite the scare in Massachusetts after a student's backpack burst into flames.

Police say the fire happened around 7:15 a.m. Wednesday in Northbridge as the students were heading to Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School.



(Photo credit: Northbridge Police)

The bus driver was able to evacuate the students and use a fire extinguisher to put out the blaze.



(Photo credit: Northbridge Police)

Authorities traced the fire to a vape pen battery that had exploded.



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No injuries were reported, and a second bus was able to transport the students to their destination.

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